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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, XF

SUBJECT: LIKELIHOOD THAT SCHEDULED ARAB SUMMIT WILL ABORT

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT TODAY, AMBASSADOR  
ASKED HIS VIEWS ABOUT THE SCHEDULED UPCOMING ARAB SUMMIT.  
RATHER RUEFULLY SADAT OPINED THAT IT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.  
LAST NIGHT, IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORD HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT  
ASAD PLANS TO SEND KHADDAM TO THE SUMMIT, HE, SADAT, HAD  
SENT MESSAGES TO ALL HEADS OF ARAB STATES CRITICIZING  
THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT'S ACTION. GOE MESSAGE HAD POINTED  
OUT THAT KHADDAM'S DESIGNATION TO REPRESENT SYRIA AT THE  
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SUMMIT DEMONSTRATES ASAD'S DISREGARD FOR THE VIEWS OF

THE ARAB LEADERS ON THE NEED TO STOP THE "BLOOD LETTING" IN LEBANON. SHOULD KHADDAM SHOW UP FOR THE SUMMIT, THE MESSAGE HAD CONTINUED, GOE WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEVEL, I.E., MOHAMED RIAD. (SADAT SPECIFICALLY INDICATED TO ME THAT FAHMY WOULD NOT RPT NOT IN THAT CASE ATTEND). SADAT SAID HE WISHED THE OTHER ARAB LEADERS TO KNOW THIS IN ADVANCE SO THAT THEY CAN BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, UNLESS ASAD HAS A CHANGE OF HEART, SADAT DOUBTED THAT THE SUMMIT WILL TAKE PLACE.

2. SADAT ADDED HE WANTED ARAB HEADS OF STATE TO HAVE A DAY TO TRY TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM. IF THERE IS NO CHANGE BY TONIGHT, FAHMY WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE WILL MAKE THE ABOVE POINTS AND WILL ALSO ANNOUNCE A NEW "EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE" TO SETTLE THE LEBANESE PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE REBUILDING OF LEBANON. FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE EGYPTIAN IDEA, IT SEEMS TO BE PRETTY MUCH THE OLD LINE, I.E., CEASE-FIRE, ROUND TABLE, ARAB LEAGUE PEACE-KEEPING FORCES AND ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO REBUILD LEBANON.

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